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1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, EMBOFF REVIEWED AIRPORT SECURITY FACILITIES FOR SCREENING PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE. REVIEW WAS MOST TIMELY IN VIEW WEEKEND HIJACKING OF TWO 727 WHICH REMINDED ICELANDERS OF CONTINUING NEED FOR MEASURES TO COUNTER TERRORIST THREAT.

2. WHEREAS EQUIPMENT LAST YEAR (REYKJAVIK 1116) WAS LIMITED TO A MAGNETOMETER AND SCREENING WAS LIMITED TO US-BOUND PASSENGERS, AT PRESENT HAND LUGGAGE IS X-RAYED AND ALL OUTGOING PASSENGERS ARE SCREENED WITH VARIOUS MAGNETIC DEVICES.

3. THE AIRPORT DEPARTURE TERMINAL HAS TWO SECTIONS: ONE, A CHECK-IN AREA, AND TWO, A DEPARTURE LOUNGE. SCREENING TAKES PLACE IN AN AREA BETWEEN THE TWO SECTIONS. THE LUNGE IS FAIRLY STERILE. APART FROM THE SCREENING AREA, ENTRY CAN BE MADE FROM THE ARRIVAL RAMP AREA, AND THEREFORE TRANSIT PASSENGERS (PRE-SUMABLY SCREENED ELSEWHERE) CAN MIX WITH LOCALLY SCREENED PASSENGERS. ACCESS (OTHER THAN PASSENGER) TO THE DEPARTURE LUNGE IS RESTRICTED TO AIRPORT EMPLOYEES (EG STORE CLERKS, CUSTOMS, ETC) AND DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS.

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